FOR THE YEAR 2014 BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA FEBRUARY 11, 2014

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 with Mark Leeds, Jeff Simonsen, Rick Mongan, Dennis Bush, and Ginger Walker present. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Dave Scott was also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Simonsen, Mongan, Bush, Walker, Leeds; Nayes - none; Abstentions - none.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Walker to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Simonsen to approve the claims for payment as presented. Motion carried. A complete listing is available for review in the County Auditor's office and online.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, presented a utility permit, bids for a truck replacement, and requested approval to hire an additional employee.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to approve an underground utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Sections 2, 11, and 14 of Amherst Township. Motion carried.

Shanahan presented figures from three vendors for purchase of a 2014 truck without chasis. Bids were: Western Star \$54,838.00 (\$99,838.00 minus \$45,000.00 trade in value), IHC \$55,973.58 (\$103,973.58 minus \$48,000.00 trade in value), Mack \$71,673.88 (\$99,173.88 minus \$27,500.00 trade in value). Bids for a body and equipment were: \$57,806.00 from Steffen's, Sioux City, Iowa and \$55,053.00 from TBEI, Lake Crystal, Minnesota.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to authorize the County Engineer to purchase a 2014 Western Star truck for \$99,838.00 less trade in value of \$45,000.00 and to purchase a Henke box with equipment from TBEI for \$55,053.00. Motion carried.

Shanahan discussed ongoing road maintenance projects and explained his need for an additional employee. The consensus of the board was to authorize Shanahan to post and advertise for a full time Truck Driver position.

Nancy Nelson, Deputy Assessor, explained the Business Tax Credit process that was implemented by State Legislature for the 2014/2015 fiscal year and presented all applications received by the January 15, 2014 deadline for the Board's consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve the list of 2014/2015 Business Tax Credits to be allowed as presented with one being disallowed due to an exempt status. Motion carried.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, reported that Cherokee County employees had donated \$725.83 to the Mid Sioux Adopt a Family project as a result of the "Casual Friday" campaign. Employees could voluntarily pay \$1 to wear jeans on Fridays in an effort to give back to the community. Langlitz explained that the voluntary "Casual Friday" program will continue but employees will also have the opportunity to donate to different projects on a quarterly basis including a winter hat and mitten drive, a summer food drive, a fall school supply drive, and toy purchases before the holidays.

The Human Resources Audit recently performed by PJ Greufe & Associates was reviewed and the option to proceed with unlimited monthly support was discussed.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Simonsen to authorize a monthly contract with PJ Greufe & Associates for human resource services including onsite training, phone support and onsite support as needed. Motion carried.

The proposed 2014/2015 County Budget was reviewed and discussed.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan to approve the 2014/2015 Proposed Budget for publication with Total Taxes Levied on Property of \$5,583,413 and tax rates per \$1,000 taxable valuation of \$4.95945 for Urban Areas and \$8.40945 for Rural Areas. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Walker to set a Public Hearing for the 2014/2015 Proposed Budget on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 9:05 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Monganaye, Bush-aye, Walker-aye, Leeds-aye. Motion carried.

The Board discussed a request received from the Iowa State Association of County Supervisors for support of increasing the state gas tax to fund local road projects through the Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF).

Motion by Walker, seconded by Bush to approve Resolution #2014-03 "Support Increased RUTF Funding". Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Bush-aye, Walker-aye, Leeds-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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